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SUBJECT: FRANCE, IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND EURATOM

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(C) IAEA VIENNA 4053

1. SENIOR FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY OFFICIAL  
PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY ALSO  
BE RELEVANT TO SITUATION DISCUSSED IN REFTELS.

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ACCORDING TO TECHMIN REP, FRANCE IS ENGAGED IN

DIRECT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA SECRETARIAT TO BRING NON-MILITARY SECTORS OF FRENCH NUCLEAR PROGRAM UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. FROM OVERALL POLITICAL VIEWPOINT, FRG WOULD WELCOME THIS. IT COULD BRING FRANCE INTO SAME SAFEGUARDS RELATIONSHIP WITH IAEA AS IS US, ANOTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATE, ALTHOUGH FRANCE IS NOT A PARTY TO NPT. FURTHERMORE, APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN FRANCE COULD THEN FOLLOW PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT SOUGHT BY UK IN NEGOTIATING A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH UK OBLIGATIONS UNDER EURATOM TREATY.

2. FRG SEES SERIOUS PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, IF FRANCE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ALSO ACCEPT EURATOM SAFEGUARDS ON THOSE PEACEFUL FACILITIES VOLUNTARILY MADE SUBJECT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS, PERHAPS UNDER IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT PROCEDURES. TECHMIN REP EXPLAINED THAT EURATOM MEMBERS HAD REACHED A "POLITICAL" COMPROMISE IN L97L WHICH HAD MADE POSSIBLE THE NEGOTIATION OF THE IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. THIS COMPROMISE REFLECTS A BROAD INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 84 OF THE EURATOM TREATY IN EXCLUDING FRENCH NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM EURATOM CONTROLS. IF FRENCH PEACEFUL FACILITIES BECOME SUBJECT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS BUT ARE EXCLUDED FROM EURATOM CONTROLS, FRG FEARS THAT OTHER EURATOM MEMBERS MIGHT CHARGE DISCRIMINATION AND TAKE QUESTION TO COURT OF JUSTICE.

3. TECHMIN REP EXPLAINED THAT BILATERAL IAEA-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BUT -- BY SUCH AN INDEPENDENT ACTION -- FRANCE WOULD BE WORKING OUTSIDE OF EURATOM FRAMEWORK. WHILE WELCOMING THIS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT FRANCE MAY BE ADOPTING A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS, TECHMIN REP EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EURATOM.  
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4. TECHMIN REP BELIEVED THAT FRENCH MOTIVATION IN SEEKING IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON NON-MILITARY FACILITIES WAS TO INSURE THAT POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS FOR ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING SERVICES WOULD BE ABLE EASILY TO TRANSFER NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO FRANCE WITHOUT VIOLATING OR COMPLICATING THE CUSTOMERS' NPT OBLIGATIONS.

5. TECHMIN REP EMPHASIZED THAT THIS TOPIC WAS  
SENSITIVE AND ASKED THAT HIS REMARKS BE CONSIDERED  
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IAEA WOULD BE AWARE OF FRENCH-IAEA NEGOTIATIONS.  
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